NEWS LETTER

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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EQUIPMENT INSPECTOR SAVES A LIFE

John J. Nolan, Jr., Equipment Inspector with the Maintenance Division's Equipment Bureau, was driving South on Route 130 in Mercer County at midnight during the March 21 snowstorm when he saw what looked like an abandoned station wagon in a snow bank on the shoulder. Nolan stopped, heard a cry for help. The call came from Mrs. Fay Bozsolak of Trenton who had been thrown from the wagon after it was sideswiped by a tractor trailer. John immediately called on his radio for an ambulance, covered her with his overcoat, and used snow to stanch severe bleeding until the ambulance arrived. At last report Mrs. Bozsolak was recovering nicely.

HIGHWAY CONTRACTS HEADED FOR RECORD YEAR

From July, 1966 through March, 1967 highway construction contracts totaling $66.6 million have been awarded, which beats the record total awarded during a similar nine-month period, $58 million in fiscal 1962. Add to the $66.6 million awarded so far this fiscal year, another $1 million in highway contracts awarded in the first week in April, plus another $8.9 million in contracts awaiting approval, and you get a grand total of $76.5 million. This is a mere $1 million behind the greatest amount of money awarded in any previous year--$77.6 million is fiscal 1963. Even though we're headed for a record year, keep in mind we need $811 million just to get our existing highways in shape, to say nothing of the billions more needed to build needed new highways.

THIS IS A RECORDING BY PAUL DeHAAS...

The automatic message recording device we've mentioned in the first two newsletters is ready and waiting for your call in Paul DeHaas' office (Employee Relations and Services, in the Personnel Division) anytime between 4:30 p.m. and 9 a.m. during weekdays, and 24 hours a day Saturdays and Sundays. If you have a nagging question about vacation time, health benefits, training opportunities, salary, sick time--just call (609)292-3059 collect. Next thing you'll hear is "This is a recording by Paul DeHaas" followed by recorded instructions.

IF YOU HAD A LOT OF DOCTOR BILLS IN 1966

You may be able to collect if you file by April 28! Here are the ground rules. (1) If you as an employee paid more than $100 in medical bills (not dental) during October, November and December of 1965, and all 12 months of 1966, and the illness or injury is allowable under the Major Medical Benefits plan, you may be able to get back 80% of the money you paid over the $100 minimum. If you are paying through payroll deduction for the Medical Benefits plan to cover your family, you can collect 80% of the allowable payments in excess of $100 for all your dependents if the doctor bills for one dependent exceeded $100. (2) The plan becomes effective 90 days after you started working, and when you start paying for your dependents. You can enroll your family every May.

The cost for your coverage--Blue Cross, Blue Shield and Major Medical--is paid by the state. You have to pay for all three for your dependents. Questions? Call Paul DeHaas (609)292-3059.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Draftsman in Parsippany, Haddonfield, Pleasantville, Metuchen and Trenton. Engineering Aide II in the same offices, plus Newark. Engineering Aide II (Lab.) in Phillipsburg and Clifton. Closing date for filing applications is April 27. If you, or any friends or relatives are interested, call Paul DeHaas.

TRAINING PROGRAM

Thirty-four supervisors from the Divisions of Maintenance and Equipment, Traffic Engineering and Central Services are attending the Supervisor's Academy in West Long Branch. The courses are being presented by management consultants and qualified Transportation Department employees. The Academy was arranged by the Training Office.

ENGINEERING PLANS TO BE MICROFILMED

Equipment has been ordered to microfilm engineering plans when they are ready for filing, eliminating the need for storage in the headquarters building and field offices. When the program goes in operation, engineers wanting to view the plans will place the microfilm in a viewer-printer machine, select the desired sheet of the details he needs, or make a paper copy of the sheet 18 inches by 24 inches. The equipment is expected to be delivered in May. The program comes under the Records Section of the Division of Central Services.